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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm a consumer who not too long ago, chose a local provider (Sonic) to provide my internet and landline phone service instead of AT&T. For many years, maybe close to a decade, I had been paying an exorbitant amount just to maintain a landline, and was so happy to have heard of another provider (Sonic) offering both internet and landline for less than what I was paying AT&T.

I work hard for my money, and appreciate that our country has companies that are innovative and can provide the same, if not more enhanced, services for a competitive price. I don't want to pay more than I have to for the same service.

The DSL speeds I was getting with AT&T were abysmal, and with Sonic, I have faster speeds, albeit not optimal for the area. I have been waiting for fiber to come into my neighborhood, and was dismayed to find out that AT&T isn't willing to share their network with a provider that they have already allowed to offload a customer base they didn't want to maintain (their landline customers).

I would be very dismayed if Sonic were no longer allowed to continue to operate in this area and I'd be forced to go back to AT&T and no longer have an option for a land line, or if given an option, that it would be very expensive. I continue to give AT&T my mobile business, and have since the beginning together with my landline. I don't want to be stuck with only one choice for this service. Broadband competition must stay viable. In addition to Sonic providing my internet service, I also have Comcast providing internet service to my home so that my kids have a separate internet connection. It's important for my online security and privacy that I keep two different internet providers. Please keep broadband competition and competitive deployment going strong, so that true to being American, we have more choices and healthy competition.

Thank you.

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